UNITED VERDE LITIGATION

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JUSTICE GILDERSLEEVE HEARS ARGU-MENTS OF COUNSEL AND RE-

SERVES DECISION. Atwater & Cruikshank, attorneys for the United Verde Copper Company, and also for United States Senator William A. Clark and the other directors of the company, appeared before Justice Gildern the Supreme Court yesterday and opposed the continuance of a temporary injunction straining the saic, on December 19, of the minins properties and works of the corporation. The mpany has its mines and plant at Jerome Ariz, and it is said to be the largest copper producer in the world. Counsel said that large dividends had been paid for many years, and the mine was never in a better financial condition than

The sale objected to by George A. Treadwell, ority shareholder in the company and the plaintiff in the injunction suit, was merely a formal sale for the purpose of carrying out a scheme of reorganization agreed on by the directors and the majority shareholders of the corporation. The temrary injunction sought to be continued by Mr. peraty and treadwell was obtained a week ago by him, and he also secured on order directing Senator Clark and his brother directors to show cause why the injunction should not be made permanent. company was capitalized with a stock of \$3,000,000 and the minority stockholders hold only \$9,000

Henry G. Atwater, in opposing the continuance of the injunction, said that his clients held \$2,991. worth of the stock. The affidavits presented made by the plaintiff, that Senator Clark other officers of the United Verde Capper had formulated the plan of dissolving oration under the laws of this State and orating under the laws of some other or the parpose of getting the stock held plaintiff for less than it was worth, was the slightest foundation.

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e was not in the interest of the stockholders,
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orth at least \$100,000,000 and would bring that
if a properly advertised public sale. Senator
was, he alleged, since he secured the practistroid of the commany, drawing from the carrif the mine no less than \$259,000 a month, as
impany was paying dividends which aggreabout \$5,000,000 a year. If the sale, as consted, went on, the property would not be
to fetch more than \$3,000,000.
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shares Mr. Treadwell held,
en hundred, Your Honor, which are now

Your Honor, which are now you complain of," inquired Justice "if you get the full value of your

stock?"
That the sale has not been properly advertised, and that the notice of sale is too short. It should be advertised for six months. Senator Clark has at present absolute control over the terms of sale. The mine is the richest in the world, and the amount of ore is unlimited. We have afflavits from responsible persons, who will bid at least \$50.000.

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FOR TROLLEY FREIGHT CARS AT NIGHT.

NATIONAL EXPRESS COMPANY SAID TO BE BE HIND A BIG TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM.

by the National Express Company and its allied interests, for the establishment of a big system of carrying freight about Brooklyn in trolley cars, the cars to run at night, so as not to interfere with the traffic in the streets during the day. The plans

the traffic in the streets during the day. The plans of this company have not been matured, but it is declared that the company will have the support of Tammany politicians, through whose efforts the coffers of the company will be swelled by city contracts for the disposition of ashes.

President Rossiter of the Rapid Transit Company yesterday said to a reporter: "Recently some men called to see me regarding the feasibility of running trolley freight cars at night. I told them that the Rapid Transit Company would be ready to make such an arrangement with them if it could be shown that our passenger service would not be interfered with. The men went away, but have it is said to be part of the company's plans to lave a large terminal built in South Brooklyn, which would be used as a receiving station for the freight. The Rapid Transit Company has a franchise for a ferry at Sixty-fifth-st, and the proposed dise for a ferry at Sixty-fifth-st, and the proposed company expects to secure the right to this fran-thise and employ floats, by means of which cars can be ferried from the various railroad stations of Jersey City and upper Manhattan direct to a reof Jersey City and upper Manhattan direct to a re-teiving shed.

INCORPORATED AT ALBANY.

Albany, Dec. 15 .- The Schoellkopf, Hartford & Hanna Company, of Buffalo, to manufacture and deal in coal tar products, dyestuffs, chemicals and drugs of all kinds, capital \$2,100,000, filed articles of incorporation to-day with the Secretary of State. The directors are James Hartford, Edmund Luis Mooney, Andrew J. Shipman, of New-York City; Charles T. B. Rowe, Samuel M. Moneypenny, Will-iam Waterbury, of Brooklyn, and Daniel J. Dris-toll, of Jersey City.

A CUSTOM HOUSE ELEVATOR STUCK.

old Custom House got out of repair vesterday morning and hung between the third and fourth floors for about fifteen minutes, with some half foren occupants, who were the objects of the jibes and jeers of the crowd of customs brokers in the rotunda below. The Custom House elevators become unmanageable about once or twice a month, and some of the more timid souls whose business brings them to the grimy old building have long line regarded them as too dangerous for use.

PULLMAN INJUNCTION RUMOR DENIED. At the local office of Pullman's Palace Car Com-Many it was declared yesterday that the rumors of

is injunction to prevent the consolidation of the fallman and Wagner companies were absolutely without foundation. These rumors had their origin a Chicago. 10 BUILD A NEW FREIGHT TERMINAL.

Work will begin soon on a new freight terminal of the Lackswanna Railroad in Brooklyn. A large freight warehouse will be constructed.

I. J. TAYLOR IN ELECTRIC VEHICLE CO. Talbot J. Taylor, of the Stock Exchange firm of Talbot J. Taylor & Co., and son-in-law of James R. Keene, has been elected a director of the Electric Vehicle Company, succeeding J. M. Hill.

A TUGBOAT NAMED RICHARD CROKER. The new steel tugboat which the Gas Engine and Power Company and Charles L. Seabury & Co., Convolidated, are building for the Department of Docks and Ferries of New-York has been named Richard Croker. The boat has been launched and a rapidly nearing completion. She is equipped with a tiple expansion marine engine and a "Seabury" water tube holler, and a speed of about eighteen mass an bour is expected.



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BROOKLYN NEWS.

RAILROAD MACHINE SHOPS BURN

THE EMPLOYES SAVE MOST OF THE REC-ORDS, AND THE FIREBOAT VAN WYCK HELPS.

The machine shops of the Long Island Railroad on Newtown Creek, near Borden-ave., in the Hunt er's Point section of Queens Borough, were destroyed by fire last evening. The building was an old one, built of wood. It was 125 feet long, 29 feet wide and 30 feet high. It was filled with valuable machinery. The west end was occupied by the engine dispatcher's office. In this section of the building were many valuable records and papers pertaining to the running of engines and to work one in the shop, including patterns and plans.

The fire was discovered in the extreme east end of the building a few minutes before 6 o'clock of the building a few minutes before 6 o'clock. Owing to the age of the building, and everything being oil soaked, the flames spread rapidly. An alarm was sent in for the Fire Department, but only one engine could get to work. The nearest hydrant was in Borden-ave, eight hundred feet away. The fireboat Van Wyck steamed up the creek, and soon had five big streams on the building, but the fire had attained such headway before the Van Wyck arrived that, although the fireboat's streams quickly quenched the flames, the building was practically destroyed. While the fire was burning the railroad employes formed a salvage brigade and rescued most of the papers and records in the west end of the building.

Paymaster William J. Jarvis, of the railroad company said the loss would probably be between

pany said the loss would probably be between \$15,000 and \$20,000, although he could not tell definitely. The wooden building burned so rapidly that it is thought much of the machinery might be saved, as the heat may not have been great enough to take the temper out.

THREE KILLED, SIX INJURED BY FIRE.

TWO WOMEN SMOTHERED IN BED AND A THIRD LEAPS FROM A WINDOW.

The fire which broke out at No. 300 South Firstst. early yesterday, not only caused the death of the three persons whose names were published in The Tribune yesterday but also resulted in serious injuries to six others. The list of dead is as follows:

FREAM, Luke, forty-nine years old, an oyster opener on a scow at the foot of West Tenth-st., Manhattan. SMITH, Susan, a widow, eighty-five years old, who died from sufficiation.

GROSCHER, Helen, a widow, sixty years old; died from sufficiation.

GIBBNEY, Mary, a widow; suffering from a fracture of the right shide and contusion of the back.

REAM, Mrs. Susan, who has her left leg broken and both arms injured.

FREAM, Joseph, six years old; slightly burned.

WALSH, Alexander, who has both arms burned. SCHNEIDER, Charles O., who has both hands burned.

It was learned yesterday at the Eastern District Hospital, to which Mrs. Gibbney and Mrs. Fream were removed, that they are resting easier, and both are expected to live.

The ground flour was occupied by Mr. Schneider and his wife. They had been to the theatre, and when they returned home at 11:30 p. m. Mr. Schneider called his wife's attention to a kerosene lamp which the Freams had left on the landing of the second floor.

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"That is none of our business," replied Mrs. Schneider. "Probably the Freams have company."

An hour and a half later both awoke to find the house in flames. Mr. Schneider was the first to rush out for aid. Having summoned Policeman Henry Schilling, of the Hecford-ave, station and two citizens—Alexander Walsh, of No. 103 Lynch-st, and Charles Devlin, of No. 164 Hope-st.—Mr. Schneider dashed upstairs to the attic, which he knew was occupied by three old women. The stairs, however, were on fire, and all approach to the top floor was cut off. Two of the three women were afterward found smothered in their beds. The third, Mrs. Gibney, leaped from the window, and it was thought at the time that she had sustained fatal injuries.

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Jennie Fraem saved her smaller brother and
ster by throwing them out of the window. Her
other broke a leg in a mad rush to escape. The
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owned by August Buehrman and Frederick
olb. They place the damage at \$1,000.

RICH LEGACY FOR A PATCHOGUE MAN

HE IS SAID TO BE AN HEIR OF A COUSIN IN CALIFORNIA WORTH \$2,000,000.

Patchogue, Long Island, Dec. 15.-Thomas B. Albin, of this place, has been informed by California attorneys that he is one of the heirs to a fortune of \$2,000,000 left by a cousin named Louis Albin, who died about a year ago in California in his eighty-eighth year. Thomas B. Albin's share is said to be about \$80,000. Louis Albin, when a lad ing from Sag Harbor, then the main whaling port on Long Island. Nothing was heard of him up to within a few years ago, when he wrote some relatives at Patchogue and Brooklyn, saying he was living in California. fifteen, shipped on a whaling voyage, embi

living in California.

Louis Albin never married, and the property, which is said to consist of mining property and shares in a sugar refinery, is to be divided between his cousins. The cousins known to Mr. Albin are T. H. Albin, of Patchogue; George Albin, of Yaphank; Robert Albin, of Erookhaven; Mrs. Perogo, of Michigan, and John and Edward Albin, of Brookhaven, now dead, but whose widows and children are now alive; Robert Albin, of Buffalo, and Perry Albin, of Mattituck. Altogether it is believed there ire about twenty-one heirs, including children of he direct heirs. the direct heirs.

COLORED PREACHER GOES TO JAIL

HE WORKED AS A LONGSHOREMAN ON WEEK-DAYS AND COULD NOT GIVE BAIL

The Rev. Austin Chapman, a colored minister, who on Sunday has acted as pastor of the Pisgah Baptist Mission, in South-st., Jamaica, and on weekdays has worked as a longshoreman in order to

days has worked as a longshoreman in order to support his family, went to the Raymond-st, jail yesterday in default of \$200 bail. The minister was charged by his wife, Kate, with slapping her in the face at their home, No. 60 Talman-st, last Wednesday. "I would slap her again, even if she were in your arms, Your Honor," said Chapman to Magistrate Steers, in the Adams-st, police court, "if she should act to me as she did last Wednesday night."

Further hearing on the case was postponed until next Monday and the clergyman was sent to jail in default of bail. He is a graduate of a colored university in the South.

ORGAN RECITAL AT PLYMOUTH CHURCH. The last of the present series of organ recitals

at Plymouth Church will be given by G. Waring Stebbins on Tuesday at 8:15 p. m. He will have the assistance of Mrs. Caroline Mihr Hardy, soprano soloist of St. Mark's Church, Manhattan, and of William Howell Edwards, former barytone soloist at the Emmanuel Baptist Church, of this borough. They will each be heard in solos and together in duet. The organ music will be largely devoted to the Christmas theme.

KICKED BY A HORSE AT BATH BEACH. John C. Davis, an oil dealer, forty-one years old, living at No. 86 Chauncey-st., in getting out of his wagon yesterday at Bath-ave, and Bay Tenth-st., Bath Beach, was kicked severely by the horse attached to the wagon. Mr. Davis's leg was fract-ured. He was attended by Ambulance Surgeon Gunther and removed to the Norwegian Hospital.

THIEF'S BOLD DASH WITH DIAMONDS. The police of Queens Borough are looking for a well dressed man about twenty-five years old who stole two diamond rings worth \$100 from the store of Frederick Heisse, in Jamaica, Thursday night. He entered the store and asked to be shown some diamond rings. He inspected several, and then picked up two and made a sudden dash for the door. Heisse was looking at another part of his showcase, and before he realized it the thief was

HELD IN A "FROG" AND KILLED.

Leon Berman, a Long Island Railroad brakeman, died in the Jamaica Hospital early yesterday from injuries received by being run over by a drill engine in the yards at Dunton on Thursday night. He in the yards at binon was switching cars, and while throwing a switch his foot became wedged in a "frog." He remained a captive until the slowly moving engine came along. He did not go under the engine, but his feet were crushed in a horrible manner. Berman was thirty years old, and leaves a wife and four children

DR. BLACK'S IDEA OF A TENEMENT HOUSE.

Dr. Robert A. Black, Assistant Sanitary Superintendent, denied yesterday that he had defined a tenement house as one containing two or more families. He says that the table which was printed families. He says that the table which was printed in yesterday's Tribune does not include those houses occupied by two families only, but that his inspectors in gathering their figures used the legal definition of a tenement house, which classes it as a house containing three or more families.

INSTITUTE MUSEUM FREE LECTURES. Professor William H. Goodyear will lecture on "The Motives and History of Greek Ornament" at the Brooklyn Institute Museum, Eastern Parkway, at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon. The illustrations will be beautifully colored. No tickets are required.

OBITUARY.

GEORGE W. HAMILTON.

The funeral of George W. Hamilton, one of the oldest members of Barbara Frietchie Post No. 11, G. A. R., and Olive Leaf Lodge, No. 233, I. O. O. F. will be held to-morrow at his home, No. 633½ Leonard-st., where he died on Wednesday, after an illness of less than a week. Mr. Hamilton was born in New-York State fifty-six years ago. He responded to the first call of President Lincoln for troops at the outbreak of the Civil War. He was employed as a messenger in the Department of Finance under ex-Controller Palmer. He was a veneer cutter by trade.

MISS ALICE L. GREEN.

The funeral of Miss Alice L. Green, who had charge of the primary class in Public School No. Bath Beach, was held vesterday at the home of Mrs. Philetus Lent, Third-ave, and Seventy third-st. The services were conducted by the Rev. Walter A. Ferris. Among those present were Principal Edsall and a delegation of teachers and pupils of Public School No. 101, and a representa-tion from the Senate Club, an organization of

teachers.

Miss Green, who was born in Spring Valley, N.
Y., was the daughter of E. P. Green, of Bergen,
Genessee County, N. Y. She was graduated at the
State Normal School, at Genesee. The body was
taken to Bergen, N. Y., where it will be buried.

BROWNSVILLE GHETTO TO BE CLEANSED.

A SANITARY COMMITTEE MAKES A VISIT WITH HEALTH OFFICER BLACK.

Health Officer Black, accompanied by Magistrate Jacob Brenner and School Commissioner Samuel made an investigation of the Browns Goodstein. ville Ghetto yesterday, which may lead to im-Among other places which they visited was the Brownsville market, in Belmontave., between Osborne and Thatford sts. It is the custom of the Jewish butchers to display their steaks and chops on the sidewalk, where the dust is allowed to permeate the exposed meat. It is the intention of the Health officers to put a stop to this practice, and a dozen or more merchants have already been placed under arrest. On their tour of inspection the party also visited several "sweatshops." One of them was in Thatford-st. Upon entering the room a strong odor of steamed cloth was noticed. It appeared that the bosses cloth was noticed. It appeared that the bosses had anticipated the visit by an attempt at house-cleaning. In other places the officials found girls at work with scrubbing brushes and mops. The sanitary condition of the factories was far from satisfactory. In Watkins-st. it was found that the tailors had made a pretence of cleanliness by stuffing all the clippings and lint under the most convenient bench. Dr. Black gave peremptory orders to have these piles of refuse cleaned out. President Grout has also taken steps toward investigating the sanitary condition of the Twenty-sixth Ward. In a letter which he wrote to Dr. Black yesterday he said:

'In the Twenty-sixth Ward there are 4.025 houses not connected with sewers, and which, I presume, are making use of cesspools. This ward is supplied with water from the Long Island Water Supply Company, whose wells are on lower ground than the larger part of the territory mentioned,

ply Company, whose wells are on lower ground than the larger part of the territory mentioned, therefore drawing water to some extent from the drainage of this territory. The interests of the city demand that the present conditions in the ward should be improved."

TWO MORE RINGS FOR TROOP C.

THEY ARE ADDED TO ITS COLORS FOR ENGAGE-MENTS IN THE SPANISH WAR.

There was joy among the members of Troop C vesterday at the announcement that an order had been issued by the Adjutant General's Department at Albany providing for the addition of two more rings to the color standards of the troop. This order was largely due to the efforts of Colonel order was largely due to the efforts of Colonel Clayton of the 14th Regiment, who commanded Troop C in the Spanish war; Captain Charles De Bevolse, the present commander of the troop, and Brigadier General James McLeer. These men protested that it was an injustice to Troop C to have only three rings to indicate services in the recent war, when Troop A, which had not been under fire, was credited with the same number of rings. Under the new order the troop has the distinction of carrying five rings in all on its lance colors, the two additional rings being for the battle of Coamo August 9, 1808, and the skirmish at the Pass of Asamonte August 9 to 12, 1868.

NO TENEMENT HOUSES IN BOROUGH PARK

JUSTICE MAREAN DECIDES THAT THEY WOULD IMPAIR THE VALUE OF PROPERTY.

A decision upholding property restrictions under ch nine-tenths of the suburban property of Marean, in the Equity Term of the Supreme Court, in granting an injunction restraining Henry Brown from putting up double tenement houses with stores underneath in Borough Park. The action was brought practically in the interests of ex-Senator William H. Reynolds, as president of Borough Park. It was maintained that the pro-posed buildings would be a nuisance, and also that

posed buildings would be a nuisance, and also that the erection of these buildings would be a violation of the terms of the contract of sale, in that it was intended to build them near the street line, and not twenty feet back, as was mentioned in the contract.

In rendering his decision Justice Marean declared that the buildings would seriously impair the value and use of the adjoining property. An injunction against the defendant will be granted, but it will not be made perpetual, as the character of the neighborhood may change. A time may come when a permanent restriction may prove injurious to all concerned. The injunction is granted as the defendant, Brown, intends to build up to the street line, and because the stores on the first floor would lower property values in the neighborhood.

PLYMOUTH CHURCH OFFICERS ELECTED.

THE BETHEL AND MATFLOWER MISSIONS TO BE

The following officers were elected last night at the adjourned annual meeting of Plymouth Church: Frederick C. Manvel, clerk; Frederick N. Glibert, assistant clerk; S. V. White, treasurer; Henry L. Pratt, George J. Corey, Frederick W. Starr and Philip M. Knight, members of the Board of Deacons; Mrs. Kate W. Nutt, Mrs. Har-riet E. Burke, deaconesses; Benjamin F. Blair Henry Chapin, jr.; Henry W. B. Howard, William B. Crittenden, Thomas G. Shearman, Rossiter W. Raymond and Robert Van Iderstine, members of the Church Work Committee.

Benjamin F. Blair presided as Moderator. The report of the Committee on Church Work reviewed report of the Committee on Caucha the resignation of the Rev. Dr. Lyman Abbott and the work of securing Dr. Hillis to fill the pulpit. The committee expressed its satisfaction with the work of Dr. Hillis as pastor. It was decided at the meeting that the Bethel and Maxflower missions should hereafter be designated as churches, they having grown too large to be known longer as mere missions.

TEACHERS TO GET THEIR SEPTEMBER PAY.

JUSTICE GAYNOR SIGNS ORDERS GRANTING PER-

Justice Gaynor yesterday signed the orders grant-ing the peremptory writs of mandamus against the Auditor of the Board of Education and the Con-troller, compelling them to sudit and certify the payrolls of the salaries of teachers in Brooklyn for the month of September. This puts the Harrigan

the month of September. This puts the Harrigan schedule, adopted last July, into effect.

Secretary Brown of the Brooklyn School Board yesterday forwarded the Brooklyn payrolls for November to the Auditor in Manhattan. They are made out on the basis of last June, as were the September and October rolls, but supplementary rolls for the three months will be made out at once so that the extra pay under the Harrigan schedule will be received before the end of the year.

NEW HOME FOR WAYWARD BOYS.

It is reported from Bay Side, Queens Borough, that a home for wayward boys is to be established there. The property of Henry Tibbitts, in Broadway, has been purchased for \$12,000, and it is said the home will occupy that site.

DRIVING CATTLE TO DISTANT PONDS. Huntington, Long Island, Dec. 15.-The long continued drouth is now begining to be seriously felt. Many viliagers have been forced to purchase water by the measure from their more fortunate neigh-bors, and many farmers are obliged to drive their stock long distances to pends. Many pends and springs are now totally dry.

KILLED HIMSELF BEFORE A MIRROR. William Trainor, the stepson of James Trainor, ommitted suicide yesterday by shooting himself in the temple as he stood before a mirror in his step father's saloon, at Gates and Reid aves. Death was instantaneous. Mr. Trainor was thirty-seven years old, and formerly lived in Yonkers. He told some friends that he had been unable to collect certain loans which he had made, and he seemed to brood over his troubles. He leaves a widow.

NEW-JERSEY NEWS.

The cordial reception of the suggestion that State Chairman Franklin Murphy be made New-Jersey's representative on the Republican National Committee is due to the proper apprecia tion of his work on the State Committee, and of his personal fitness for the honor. The splendid condition of the party is the best evidence of Mr. Murphy's capacity as a political manager and of the zeal with which he has used his superior ability to convert the one rock ribbed Democratic State into a Republican stronghold. The desire of the delegates to the next National Convention will doubtless be to give to the Na tional organization a committeeman who will add strength to the party in the campaign of 1900, and it is safe to say that no one could be selected who would be more efficient, more thorough in work or more wise in counsel than Franklin Murphy. It is understood that until the committeeman is chosen by the delegates to the next Republican National Convention Senator Kean will act as committeeman for New-

If the wishes of the lawyers of Hudson County are heeded Governor Voorhees will reappoint Justice Lippincott. Petitions are being circulated and cheerfully and promptly signed by the lawyers requesting the reappointment, "not only as a recognition of faithful service to the public in the past, but also as a guarantee of the efficient administration of justice in the future." All the prominent lawyers of Hudson County have signed the petition, and many have declared that they will personally appeal to Governor Voorhees to reappoint Justice Lippincott.

In Newark, too, the lawyers are endeavoring to have retained on the bench a judge who has won praise for his administration of justice in the Circuit Court. Judge Francis Child, though a Democrat, as is also Justice Lippincott, enjoys the confidence of lawyers of both parties, and this makes his reappointment likely.

The prosperity that reigns in this country was manifest in the reports submitted at the annual meeting on Wednesday of the stockholders of the Provident Institution for Savings in Jersey City. The year had been so prosperous that the salaries of the officers and employes were increased 10 per cent. The number of depositors increased to 24,200, a gain of over 2,000. The deposits aggregated \$3,001,639 93, and the amount paid out was \$2,554,141 67, a net increase of \$447,498 26 in the amount of the deposits compared with the previous year.

The Hudson County Grand Jury went far enough to find material for a batch of indictments and a long presentment. The pity is that it did not have time to go further, and especially that it did not give more than passing attention to registration and election frauds in Hoboken in 1898, and made no inquiry at all into the frauds committed in Jersey City in the same campaign.

In Assemblyman Benny, of Hudson County, the Democrats have chosen a bright and clever leader. He will have a small minority to support him in the House of Assembly, there being only sixteen Democrats in number, eleven of whom are from Hudson County, but Mr. Benny is capable and resourceful, and he will do his utmost to be a thorn in the side of the Repub-"The Rutherford American" does not see any

occasion for alarm at Colonel Dickinson's threats, nor does it consider it "at all probable that Hudson County can do any worse for the Republican ticket in 1901 than she did this "The Newark Advertiser" does not see why

the Governor should have a military staff, and rges that it be abolished. Governor Voorhees did this when he became Acting Governor near ly two years ago.

TOO WARM FOR THE TRAMPS.

THE JAIL CAUGHT FIRE AND THEY NARROWLY ESCAPED CREMATION.

Plainfield, Dec. 15 (Special).—The Plainfield City Jail caught fire after midnight last night and three tramps, who had applied for lodging and were locked in the cells, barely escaped cremation. The city does not provide a man to remain at the jail all night. Mrs. Thomas Martin, wife of the Warden, who lives in the apartments over the courtroom and cells, was awakened a little before I o'clock by the barking of a dog. The room was full of smoke, and she could hear the frantic cries of the tramps. Snatching up the keys she hurried downstairs and found one man nearly suffocated and the others screaming. The instant they were freed they vanished. A big box stove had ignited the woodwork near it. The Fire Department put out the fire before much damage was done.

AN AVON LAND DEAL.

NEW-YORK CAPITALISTS BUY PROPERTY WORTH

Asbury Park, Dec. 15 (Special).—George W. Thompson, of this place, representing New-York capitalists, has bought out the Avon Land and Improvement Company, of Avon, which owned 363 lots, provement Company, of Avon, which owned 363 lots, including Avon Inn, the Berwick Lodge, the grounds of the Seaside Assembly, all of the ocean, Shark River and Sylvan Lake fronts, together with all rights and privileges of streets and allers and water and sewer systems. The purchase price is not definitely known, but \$25,000 is said to be a conservative figure, the Avon Inn property alone being worth \$119,000. It is intended to lay out a park build a casino and connect Avon and Belmar by a drawbridge over Shark River, thus making a continuous ocean driveway from Seabright to Sea Girt. Among the first to erect cottages will be William H. B. Totten, president of the Irving Savings Institution, of New-York, and Colonel Thomas O'Relly, of New-York City, E. Batcheller, of Philadelphia, was president of the Avon company, and A. C. Hartshorn, of Freehold, secretary.

JERSEY AT THE NATIONAL CAPITAL. Washington, Dec. 15 (Special).-Representative Salmon will vote against the pending Currency bill. Representatives Gardner and Loudenslager, with Representatives Gardner and Loudenslager, with some visitors from New-Jersey, worked effectively on behalf of Philadelphia as the convention city.
Senator Hanna has leased the Lafayette Square house occupied by the late Vice-President Hobart.
Representative Salmon is endeavoring to secure new postoffices at Little York, Warren County and Johnstown. Hunterdon. It is proposed to call the first mentioned place Dewey.
Two of the New-Jersey Congressmen, Messrs. Howell and Salmon, were at the Masonic ceremonies yesterday at Mount Vernon. Grand Master Ewen, Past Grand Master Tilden and several other officers of the Grand Lodge of New-Jersey were also present in full regalfa.

SHORTER SESSIONS ON STORMY DAYS. The Jersey City Board of Education contem plates closing the school sessions on stormy days at 12:15 o'clock. Under the existing rule the schools are dismissed for the day at 1 o'clock. It is said that the noon hour session has been productive of bad results; that the children are tired and hungry when noon arrives, and that prolonging the session an hour has been the source of iliness, as the records show that the day following each stormy day when the schools closed at 1 o'clock many teachers and pupils were absent.

A LIEUTENANT ELECTED.

Passaic, Dec. 15 (Special).—The members of Company A, ist Regiment, held an election last evening to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Second Lieutenant John H. Doremus. Fred E. Rohrback was elected. Lieutenant Doremus became ill from exposure while serving with his company in Fjorida during the Spanish-American War and he has since become totally blind.

TO HAVE A PLANT OF THEIR OWN.

REPORT ON FISH AND GAME.

THE COMMISSION REPLIES TO CRITICISMS AND ASKS FOR \$5,000. Trenton, Dec. 15 (Special).-The annual report of

the State Fish and Game Commission was sub-

mitted to Governor Voorhees to-day. The report

notes the failure of the last Legislature to propriate \$5,000 which was asked for by the Commission, to be used in stocking the waters of the State with fish and the uplands and meadows State with fish and the uplands and meadows with game. The Commissioners say that they find it difficult to see where such a sum could have been expended with more profit to the citizens of the State. The appropriation is expected by the Com-mission from the next Legislature. In reply to the criticisms that the Commission did not fairly distribute the fish and game among the several countles of the State the report puts forward a number of defences. Where any ground for such criticism existed, the report states, it was due to the fact that in some counties the people were more anxious for fish and game than in others. The Commission has deemed it proper, so far as possible, to attend to those making applications who were willing to look after the welfare of the allotypent even though some sections of the others. The Commission has deemed it proper, so far as possible, to attend to those making applications who were willing to look after the welfare of the allotment even though some sections of the State were slighted in the distribution. In dividing the fish and game the policy followed by the Commission was to treat all alike, making generous allowances wherever the country to be covered was peculiarly adapted to the development of the particular species. The principal disappointment was experienced by those who expected fish from the Great Lakes, or who had applied for bass, pickerel and perch. The work of removing fish from Lake Erie to New-Jersey is at best a precarious undertaking, so far as the fish are concerned, and losses cannot be entirely guarded against. After so long a journey the fish, when they arrive in this State, are frequently in such a weakened and unhealthy condition as to prevent further removal. For this reason oftentimes they are placed in the nearest suitable waters, it being the principle of the Commission that it is better to have a plentiful supply in one place than to have none at all anywhere.

The report says that quall have increased in the State, but as to ringneck phensants nothing definite could be stated, these birds having been under protection only a few months.

The report says that it is also too early to determine whether the introduction into the State of the pike, perch, white bass and channel catfish has been a success or a failure. Upon the subject of sturgeon propagation the Commission says:

"Considerable advance has been made in this direction; in fact, so much so that the Fish Commissioner of Pennsylvania has concluded to try the experiment of artificial propagation next year. Nearly all the sturgeon fishermen are residents of the Delaware Riyer favoring the New-Jersey side. With a sister State willing to devote its money and the time of its officials toward a project which promises by far the greater benefit to our own State, it would seem almost a niggardly pol

ACCUSED OF GIVING POISON.

A WATCHMAN HELD ON THE CHARGE OF TRYING TO KILL A WORKMAN WITH WHOM HE QUARRELLED.

Henry Bolzer was arrested at his home, No. 113 Morris-st., Jersey City, yesterday on suspicion of having administered poison to Christian Hitt, of tion at the City Hospital. The two men were employed in the Mutual Chemical Works, in Fulton They quarrelled last Monday night. Bolzer, who was a watchman, accused Hitt of having reported to the superintendent that he had been asleep for two hours instead of being on the watch, and Hitt states that Bolzer then threatened him, and said, "I'll fix you."

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Hitt was one of the men employed at night, and carried a luncheon can. On Wednesday at midnight he warmed his tea and began to eat his meal. After swallowing a little tea he was seized with nausea and comited. Dr. Blanchard was summoned and declared that Hitt had been polsoned, and ordered his removal to his home. Four of the employes—August Zalurski, August Stein, Martin Chipoloski and Martis Ouch—informed Superintendent Kaufman, of the factory, that they saw Bolzer at Hitt's luncheon can, and that he poured something into it. They explained that they supposed he had mistaken Hitt's can for his own, and was putting in sugar or syrup. Superintendent Kaufman poured the tea from Hitt's can into a bettle and analyzed it, and found it contained sulphate of chromium, a powerful polson used in the factory to tint enamel and glass. He discharged Bolzer, who denied having tampered with Hitt's can.

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The police were not informed of the poisoning intli noon yesterday, when Hitt's symptoms became alarming, and his wife it formed the police. Bolzer was arrested by Acting Detective Lee, and was taken to the bedside of his alleged victim, who dentified him and told about the quarrel on Monlay night and Bolzer's threat.

The prisoner when arraigned in the First Crimnal Court denied his guilt, and was held without all by Justice Potts.

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ATTEMPT TO WRECK A CAR.

MOVE THE OBSTRUCTION. An attempt was made on Thursday night to wreck a car on the Bergen County Traction Com-pany's branch line to Hackensack, and several

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The ear left the Bogota terminus at 10:40 p. m., and was in charge of Motorman William Tracey, of Fort Lee, and Conductor John Ackerman, of Englewood. The car runs between Bogota and Leonia, where it connects with the main line. At about the middle of the Hackensack meadows there is a wooded section, with tail trees and considerable underbrush. When the car reached this point the motorman found that stones and timbers had been filed high upon the tracks. The crew alighted and began to remove the obstruction, when shots were fired from the woods. Tracey and Ackerman quickly returned to the car and turned off the current, so as to shroud the car in darkness, but one shot passed through a window and came near hitting the only passenger, a colored man, who lives in Leonia.

The highwaymen apparently used up their supply of ammunition and departed. Then Tracey and Ackerman removed the obstruction and ran the car to Leonia. The matter was reported to the conductor on the Englewood car, was telephoned to the police and to the company's office at Edgewater. Several employes, armed with Winchesters, were sent out in search of the highwaymen, but though they scoured the neighboring country for several miles no trace of them could be found.

It is believed that the men were those who have been engaged for some time stealing copper wire from the trolley poles. Frank Key and "Ben" Howers, two of the company's employes, caught one of the wire thieves last week, and he is now confined in the Hackensack Jail. It is supposed that the men who attempted to wreck the car on Thursday night sought revenge for the arrest of their companion. The two employes who made that the men who attempted to wreck the car on Thursday night sought revenge for the arrest of their companion. The two employes who made that the men who attempted to wreck the car on Thursday night sought revenge for the arrest of their companion. The

GAMBLING MACHINES IN HOBOKEN. Herman Pfanmuller and Emil Kratz, saloonkeeprs at No. 58 Adams-st., Hoboken, were arraigned before Recorder E. R. Stanton in that city yesterbefore Recorder E. R. Stanton in that city yesterday on a charge of operating a nickel in the slot
gambling machine in their place of business. They
were held in \$300 ball each to await the action of
the Grand Jury. The activity of the police is sait
to have been due to the fact that the last Grand
Jury found indictments in connection with the
operation of gambling machines in Hobeken a few
months ago. Detectives Weinthal, Quinn and
Fallon found only one gambling device in the
saloon. When Kratz learned that the police were
after him he donned a suit of fireman's clothes,
but did not escape the officers.

Adam Krauser, a saloonkeeper, of No. 573 Firstst., Hobeken, was also held by Recorder Stanton
yesterday on a charge of owning and operating a
gambling machine in his barroom.

DEATH OF LESLIE M'BRIDE.

East Orange, Dec. 15 (Special).-Leslie McBride, an old citizen of East Orange, died last night at his an old citizen of East Orange, died last night at his home. No. 459 Central-ave., from cancer of the throat. He was born in Belfast, Ireland, in 1803 and was educated there. He came to this country in 1879 and settled in East Orange. He was connected with the Union Pacific Tox Company for many years until incapacitated by lilness. He leaves a widow, five daughters and one son. The funeral will be held at his home on Saturday afternoon by the Rev. Dr. George S. Bishop, paster of the First Reformed Church, of East Orange. The burial will be in Rosedale Cemetery.

OPPOSITION TO ANNEXATION.

Vailsburg, Dec. 15 (Special).-The Vailsburg Improvement Society held a meeting in Shooting Park Hall last night in opposition to the project to annex Hall last night in opposition to the project to annex the borough to Newark. There was a large attendance, and the sentiment of the meeting was unanimous against annexation. Those who favor the project say that this meeting does not represent the feeling in the borough, and that at their meeting next Wednesday night they will show that a large majority of the citizens do desire annexation to Newark. The attitude of the Common Council in refusing to rent the Borough Hall for the meetings is sharply criticised.

MR. EDGE ELECTED CASHIER.

The directors of the Hudson County National Bank, Jersey City, yesterday elected Nelson J. H. Edge as cashier, to succeed J. Warren Harden-Passaic, Dec. 15 (Special).—The merchants in the block bounded by Main-ave. Passaic-st., Park Place and McLean-st. have determined not to wait any longer for any of the proposed new lighting companies to furnish light. Charles R. Newman will build a private electric lighting plant to light the entire block.

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NO CHECK ON VALENTINE

HE APPEARS TO HAVE HAD FULL OPPOR TUNITY TO WRECK THE BANK.

TESTIMONY TAKEN BY THE RECEIVER OF THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY BANK SHOWS HOW

THE INSTITUTION WAS MANAGED. Edward S. Campbell, receiver for the wrecked Middlesex County Bank, at Perth Amboy, took testimony at Newark yesterday in the matter of

the preferred claims of several creditors who had deposited in the bank after the directors are alleged to have known it was insolvent. These include the Essex County National Bank, \$25,860; Newark National Banking Company, \$15,264; Lehigh Valley Railroad Company, \$1,193; Raritan Hollow and Porous Brick Company, \$3,629; J. M. Fox, of Passaic, \$1,020; Crosby & Hill, of Perth Amboy, \$1,027; George C. Brown, \$508, and John Hilsdorf, \$1,500. The last named creditor said that on Juty 13 he borrowed \$1,449 from the savings institution and the check for that amount was credited to him by President Watson, of the Middlesex County Bank. The following day the bank was closed. John Littlejohn, of Crosby & Hill, made deposits on July 10, 11, 12 and 13, the last date after bank nours. Joseph W. Fox deposited on July 13 a check for \$1,020. He was unable to stop payment on the following day, when the

Deputy State Banking Commissioner Thomas K. Johnson testified that he received a letter on July 13 from President Uriah B. Watson, of the bank, stating that the cashier had disappeared, and requesting an examination of the bank and of the Perth Amboy Savings Bank. The letter was dated July 12. He had written to Mr. Watson directing his attention to the large loans made to directors on questionable securities, such as second mortgages and de-preciated stocks, and criticising the loans to the cashier, which amounted at that time to \$12,275. Mr. Johnson's comment in his letter was that it was difficult to see what the money was needed for unless it was for stock speculation. He advised the directors to compel the tion. He advised the directors to compel the cashier to pay his indebtedness to the bank and adopt a regulation to prevent such practices in the future. In another letter to Mr. Watson Mr. Johnson had said that the practice of loaning such large sums to the cashier should not be tolerated in any reputable bank. Uriah B. Watson, president of the bank, testified that the last meeting of the directors before the bank closed was held Friday, July 7. Nothing was then said about the bank's diffi-

fore the bank closed was held Friday, July 7. Nothing was then said about the bank's difficulties. Mr. Watson was questioned about the loans, and said they were generally good. When asked about a loan of \$20,000 to Henry N. Yard, he acknowledged that interest had not been paid in three or four years. The loan was secured by some property at Ocean Beach. The witness told of another loan on which no interest had been paid in six years. The sum of \$11,500 was loaned to Valentine, and the security was placed in the safe to which Valentine had access. tine had access.

"Then what you did," President Watson was asked, "was to make a loan and give the security into the hands of the borrower?"

"Yes, sir," said President Watson.

President Watson and the other directors de-nied that they knew the bank was insolvent when they were taking deposits just before the bank closed its doors.

President Watson said in reply to questions that the cashier had charge of the check books; that he, Mr. Watson, never saw them, but sometimes saw the stubs. He had not considered it necessary to compare the checks and stubs. He had sometimes examined the secur-

Thomas K. Johnson, Deputy State Banking Commissioner, was asked if he had inquired of the directors or Mr. Watson why they had made no inquiries at the National Park Bank as to the bank balances there as soon as Valentine disappeared. He did not think he made such

When asked when the bank was first insolvent, Mr. Johnson repiled that he could answer that question better if he had been allowed to continue his examination of the bank, but a re-ceiver was appointed, and he was compelled to

Stop.

The last draft by Valentine on the National Park Bank was on June 28. When asked if he now thought the Middlesex County Bank was insolvent at that time, Mr. Johnson said: "I should think so; yes."

The witness said in reply to a question that there was nothing to make him believe that the there was nothing to make him believe that the

directors knew the bank was insolvent before the doors were closed. They had, however, the same facilities to learn the actual condition of the bank as he had, and if they had so desired they could have found out.

Patrick Convery, of the bank, said examinations were made quarterly by the Board by reference to the statement book. This was made up by the cashier. The cashier called off figures from his own private account, and one of the Board would check them off on the statement book which the cashier had. This was the quarterly examination.

The hearing was postponed to next Wednepday. could have found

PLEA CHANGED TO NON VULT. WILLIAM HOUGH, WHO SHOT HIS BROTHER-IN LAW, SENTENCED TO TEN YEARS IN

Woodbury, Dec. 15 (Special).—The trial of Willian Hough, who was charged with the murder of his brother-in-law, Edward Rich, came to an abrupt ending this morning. At the conclusion of the testimony for the defence ex-Speaker Watkins, counsel for Hough, contended that a charge of murder in the first degree would not hold. The Court and counsel withdrew to hear argument on the point raised, and as a result of the conference the jurors were discharged and Hough changed his plea of not guilty to that of non vuit. He then narrated the circumstances which led up to the murder, and he was sentenced to ten years at hard labor in the State prison.

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PLANS TO REFUND CHURCH MORTGAGES. A plan to refund the church debts in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Newark was recently approved by Bishop Wigger, and an effort was made to negoby Bishop Wigger, and an effort was made to nego-tiate a loan at low interest rates with a London syndicate, but it failed. It is now understood that the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company, of Newark, will take up the church mortgages, and that on good property 4 per cent interest would be accepted. The mortgage of the Church of Our Lady of Grace, at Hoboken, for \$50,000 will become due in January, and the Rev. Charles J. Kelly, the pastor, is arranging for its cancellation. It is held by the Hoboken Bank for Savings, Another mort-game is for Sid.600 on St. Michael's Church, in Jer-sey City; held by the same tank.

ENGINEER RIORDAY ARRAIGNED.

Paterson, Dec. 15 (Special).—John F, Riordan, engineer of the Phillipsbust accommodation train which ran into the Buffalo express near the Barwhich ran into the Buffalo express near the Barclay-st. station on Thanksgiving evening, telescoping the two rear ceaches of the latter train, killing seven persons and injuring a score of others, killing seven persons and injuring a score of others, was arranged before Justice Keyes to-day and pleaded not guilty to a charge of mansiaughter preferred against him by Detective Shane under the direction of Prosecutor Emley. As the Justice had no power to accept hall in this case Riordan was taken before Judge Barkalow, who accepted security in the sum of \$1.000, John R. Lee and Michael Dunn qualifying as bondsmen. Conductor Cappell and Fireman Sneicker, who were charged with criminal negligence by the Coroner's jury, have not as yet been arrested.

STRUCK BY A BEAM AND KILLED.

Dennis County was instantly killed yesterday at the Pacific Coast Borax Company's works, at Constable Hook, Bayonne. County was hauling crude borax from a vessel at the wharves to the works. He had dumped a load and started to drive back to the wharf to reload when he was struck on the head with a large beam, and his skull was fractured.

Men employed by the borax company were passing timbers from the ground to the roof. In handling the beam the wind made it swerve beyond the reach of the man on the top of the building. The man below was unable to hold it, and it dropped upon the head of County.

Mr. County was about sixty-two years old, and for fully half of that period he was engaged in the contracting business in and about Bayonne. He leaves a widow and two children—a son and a daughter, both grown up. the Pacific Coast Borax Company's works, at Con-

JUNIOR HATFIELD UNDER BAIL,

Paterson, Dec. 15 (Special).-Juntor Hatfield was

Paterson, Dec. is tspecial, and this afternoon, major Briggs, of New-York, furnishing \$2,000 ball. Mr. Foye, president of the Dime Savings and Loan Association, appeared in the Recorder's Court this morning and charged Hatfield with the embeggiement of 550, but it is alleged that the amount will reach \$2,000.